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For : Performance Enhancing Additives For Electrochemical Cells

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Dear Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are submitted herewith along with Form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The Foreign Patent Documents listed were cited in the International Search Report which issued from a corresponding PCT application. In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of each of the non-English documents, one or more English language abstracts are enclosed. An English language version of the International Search Report citing the documents and setting forth the relevance thereof is also enclosed. The International Search Report is not a reference, and Applicants do not necessarily subscribe to any of the statements contained therein.

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If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 05-1325.

Respectfully submitted,

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